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NEGROES DO NOT CONDONE CRIME.

It is a well-known fact, especially by Southerners, that Negro leaders and those who have endeavored to help the Negro cause in America so that right and justice may be his portion along with the other groups of citizens do not devote enough of their time and efforts in condemning and preventing crime among Negroes, and this charge against the leaders and friends of our race is based on a false assumption prompted by race prejudice.

If there is any person or persons in the United States who think or assume that the Negro is so instinctively criminal that it is necessary for the leaders of the race to form organizations throughout the country to teach him to obey the laws of the land, they are badly misinformed.

We the leaders among our race, and those who have helped us to do not condone crime committed by white or black, and we naturally hate to hear of a crime committed by those whom we are trying to help, but we do not see why the crimes of one class should be magnified and the other class considered as a matter of course.

We deny that the Negro is any more a criminal than any other class or group which make up the citizens of this country. All we ask is a fair trial. We do not like or attempt to hide the criminals among us. A Negro is as equal justice before the law.

A Negro attorney of St. Louis said: "Not half of the colored men and youths who are sentenced would be convicted if they were properly represented before the courts of this city. If that is the case in St. Louis, God help the colored men, women and children who come before the courts of the South. This accounts for the members of our race who are victims of crime and lawlessness.

We are fighting crime wherever we see it; we are fighting lawlessness wherever it seeks to trample the law under its feet, just as every good, true and loyal American citizen should do. Yet we feel that we are particularly interested in these things because it is the members of our race who are victims of crime and lawlessness.

We have sinned against more than we have sinned.

THE GEORGIA LYNCHING.

According to press reports, a lynching party down in Georgia had killed two Negroes and had six more in custody to follow if their passions had not been satisfied.

The charge against these Negroes was that someone had killed a Deputy Sheriff who, no doubt, was abusing and exceeding his authority. The cause or the extenuating circumstances of the prosecution are never taken into consideration by the lawless elements.

Whether the other four paid the death penalty at the hand of the mob we have been unable to learn. But we have every reason to believe they did and the facts have been kept from the public, as the people in Georgia have done before.

ALIENS AND REDS.

It is charged that "Aliens and Reds" are responsible for the outbreaks and strikes that are quite prevalent in the land just now. This may be true to some extent, but it is not the part of wisdom to direct all of the attention of the officials strictly to that element who are styled as Aliens and Reds.

Lawlessness and mobs are American diseases, and all they need to be manifested is just a little encouragement. The spirit of lawlessness is ever ready to seize upon any pretext that will give vent to the evil desires of its possessors.

When truth gets a hearing, it will be found that among the so-called aliens will be found mostly of the high sounding boasted Americans who are hiding themselves under the wings of these aliases.

KEEP COOL.

In times like these one should keep cool. There are many false rumors that come whispering in one's ears which, if given attention, will make trouble for you.

When anyone comes to you with an exciting story of crime, keep cool and demand the source of such information.

The enemy to peace and harmony between the races has understood the old adage: "He who the good would destroy, they would first make mad." We do not have these rumors made up on us, but we may keep cool and don't go about with a chip on our shoulders just because we heard a false report.

On days like these, use your best thoughts and keep cool.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP,
MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION,
ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT
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Of The St. Louis Argus, published weekly at Saint Louis, Mo. 1215 Market Street, Missouri County 44-31.

Before me, a Notary Public is, and I, J. E. Mitchell, his Notary Public personally appeared, J. E. Mitchell, who having been duly sworn, according to the law, deposes and says that he is the managing editor of the St. Louis Argus, and that the following is to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, circulation, and advertising revenue for the date shown in the above caption, received in the office of the St. Louis Argus in accordance with the laws and regulations printed on the reverse of this form to wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the subscriber, managing editor, and business manager are: J. E. Mitchell, Publisher; The St. Louis Argus Publishing Co., St. Louis, Mo.

2. Editor: B. T. Meadows, St. Louis, Mo.

Business Manager: Wm. Mitchell, St. Louis, Mo.

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Jean Boileau Further Defends French Girls And American Negroes

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 1.—The fine testimony of the colored women of the nation, has caused universal comment, and a further communication, M. Boileau says.

We do not intend to be drawn into a prolonged discussion concerning the American and the French girls. I will content myself by telling you that on Oct. 1, the instant, written by M. Boileau, in which he takes issue with my letter, which appeared in your paper of Sept. 26.

I did not intend my statement about the Senegales in the first battle of the Marne to be so construed as to understate the part played by the colored troops in that battle. I say and what history will say is, that the American colonials were the decisive factors in securing the greatest victory of the Marne.

The Senegales hurried the bodies back across the Oise and the Marne on a ghastly order of their own. It was an unmitigated act of cowardice for all. And due credit to the black men does not discredit other men. The colored world, year in and year out, protest when the "Afro negro" were turned loose against them. And German soldiers do not object to fighting and working with the intense racial and persistent persuasion of the white Americans. They refuse to give a favorable hearing to the colored and anti-Negro tales told them in print and by word of mouth. Because they went out of them to extend to the colored men and women every right and welcome that could be the object of much criticism and ridicule by the white Americans. Such generous treatment is in accordance with the principles of French women. They could not treat the colored Americans otherwise.

There has before been a clipping of a letter dated from your Forum bearing the date of July 21, signed by "M. Boileau." I presume that the writer of this letter is M. Boileau, and I am sending on to which I am replying. This letter is pregnant with falsehoods concerning French women. Please let me know if you can get the name of the Negro who is quoted.

The upper classes know the standing of the Negro in this country, implying of course, that they did not associate with the Negro. And

Frenchmen, except the French girls, attach themselves to the Negro by saying that they were led to believe that they were to be left to their own devices.

Frenchmen and Mexicans as though both, these latter had admirable and attractive qualities lacking in the Negro. The failure of the colored classes has been so well explained by a letter to your Forum signed by "White Truth," bearing the date of August 2, that I will not repeat it.

Now, I repeat my untrue: What can be the reason for this suppression of the truth? The French girls do not

"think" says in his last letter? I would think a long time before I would announce to the world that my sisters loved Negroes as in "the old days of wedded play," a few lines more (a girl would think a long, long time before she would say such a thing).

What she hated, despised, shunned, ignored Negroes for no other reason than that of race of color.

Many a further letter would I like to write to M. Boileau before I say that his skin is not of the same hue as the brown-skinned sons of America, and that he comes from the most colorful city of Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

If not, then I only attribute his letter to unbalanced mind.

He replies to a statement that the race is not important, that it happens not to be "brown-skinned" and that I do not half from Haiti. But he does not say that he is not of any logic which maintains that my letter indicates either a non-white person or an unbalanced mind. "M. Boileau" is a man of the world, and the world would read thus: All white men who expose the real reason for the unfavorable attitude of the colored world justify her living American Negroes—therefore, Jean Boileau is of an unbalanced mind. Such "M. Boileau's" reasoning would be the same as that of any humble judgment, such a logical formula is much more indicative of what I stated in my letter.

Therefore, beware of the unfavorable criticism of the girls of my beloved France! Fine!

M. Brookfield



BAPTISTS DO NOT INDORSE AUSTIN TEX. RESOLUTION

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 1.—A statement made a few days ago that the Negroes of the South invited the white people of the North to come away and let us settle on our affairs and that we would not indorse it, said Dr. E. C. Morris of Helena, Ark., president of the Southern Baptist Convention in the final session. "We do not mean to insult any of our friends either North or South. We need all men here and should strive to make men brotherhood."

"A Negro is a Negro whether North or South, and the same applies to us. We are not white, we are not to recognize a man. The Negroes in fact, the Negroes of America, do not seek social equality, social intermarriage, anything of the kind, but we want the world to know that we want protection under the law, the right to earn an honest living, the proper treatment in common carriers, nothing less," he declared.

"In the interest of the young women of her race, Mrs. E. C. Carr, president of the Negro General Conference of the Y. W. C. A. of that state spoke. She said: "No race can rise above its men. And if the Negro is to be lifted up, it is the Negro men who are saving the women. We should be interested in our women of the South who are fond of riding in dirty cars, who may say first class, and third class accommodations, who are insulted by all classes of men. I want the young Negro girls saved, because upon them rests the future of the race."

GETS D. S. FROM U. S.

HUNTSVILLE, Alabama, Oct. 1.—Will Clinch, Negro, 2616 Sixth Alley, north, received his distinguished service cross at the local army recruiting station. Clinch, 26, was born in Birmingham and was drafted in Company F, Three Hundred and Sixty-sixth Infantry. He was awarded his cross for gallantry in action during the fighting in the Toulon sector on Sept. 1, 1918. Clinch was operating a machine gun and after it had been disabled in the front and side, continued to use his gun effectively and materially aided in routing the Germans during the day's offensive. The Birmingham News has been awarded the croix de guerre by the French government also.

INCORPORATION IS REFUSED N. Y. CLUB

Associated Negro Press.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Oct. 1.—Commissioner Lee C. Frankel and Commissioner R. R. Nichols of the Brooklyn Judicial District refused the application of the Colored Big Sisters Club of Brooklyn, for approval of certificates of incorporation. The club has been in existence in the Colored part of the borough for about fifteen months. Their objects as stated in their application are to "encourage to take a friendly and sisterly interest in Colored girls who have been charged with juvenile delinquency, to aid in their rehabilitation of training and education and individual development will take a friendly interest in such Colored girls and seek to avoid them to become good and useful citizens."

NO SCHOOL STRIKE IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

Associated Negro Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 1.—There is no strike of colored children in Washington, D. C., this week, because of the board of education delay in reporting the result of the investigation it conducted to determine whether the colored schools should be continued as head of the colored schools.

The Colored Parents League, which has been instrumental in the fight to out Dr. Bruce, decided not to ask the colored boys and girls to remain out of the school. The league presented their demands to the board of education, but the board did not act on the Bruce case before the date for the opening of the schools, an effort which was made to keep the colored children out of the schools as a protest against the colored superintendent.

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EXACT COLORADO POPULATION OF WHEELING, W. VA. NOT KNOWN.

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WHEELING, W. Va., Oct. 1.—What is the negro population of Wheeling? That is the question presented yesterday from a St. Louis, Mo., citizen. The colored citizens of Wheeling, far from being ignorant, can not be ascertained by the officials there are no statistics, but it is estimated that there are about 200 Negroes living in this city. The question is arrived at upon the basis of Negro voters. There are close to 450 registered voters here and given as the number of colored voters in the colored families in the city is 100. This will bring the total colored population to about the above number, 200.

It is said that the Negro population here has been about the same for the past several years. Most of the colored families in the city are Negroes, the Sixth Ward, while there are some families living in various parts of the city.

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